ST status to Goud castes of Bihar

† *374. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Goud caste of Bihar has been declared as Scheduled Tribe *vide* Government's notification No. S.R.O. 2477 dated 28th October, 1956 and all the benefits had been provided to it;

(b) whether this tribe is not getting such benefits at present in the State;

(c) whether Gouda in English, Gond, Gonad, God are synonyms for the same tribe; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by Government to restore the benefits to this tribe in the State?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) The Goud Community has not been notified as Scheduled Tribe (ST) in respect of Bihar State *vide* Government's notification No.S.R.0.2477A dated 29.10.1958. The members of Goud community am, therefore, not entitled for getting the benefits meant for Scheduled Tribes.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

AIR centres

*375. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the radio centres opened in the country during the last three years; and

(b) the number of AIR centres proposed to be opened during 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The details are given in the Statement. *(See* below).

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.